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SUBJECT: SOVIET USE OF MENZEL-BOURGUIBA DOCKYARDS IN
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1. THE FRG SHARES US CONCERN OVER SOVIET USE OF
MENZEL-BOURGUIBA FACILITIES AND ENCOURAGES FURTHER
DISCUSSION IN NATO CONTEXT.
2. ACCORDING TO OUR FOREIGN OFFICE CONTACTS, FOREIGN

MINISTER GENSCHER RAISED THIS SUBJECT DURING HIS NOVEMBER VISIT TO TUNIS. IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA, GENSCHER ASKED -IN A LOW-KEY MANNER--IF REPORTS HE HAD HEARD THAT SOVIETS WERE USING THE FACILITIES WERE TRUE. BOURGUIBA ACKNOWLEDGED THIS WAS THE CASE, CLAIMING THAT TUNISIA BADLY NEEDED THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE, AND GENSCHER DROPPED THE SUBJECT. (NO MENTION OF THIS EXCHANGE WAS MADE WHEN WE WERE GIVEN OUR BRIEFING ON THE VISIT--REPORTED REFTEL B.)

3. THE FRG IS WILLING TO REITERATE ITS CONCERN TO THE TUNISIANS BUT BELIEVES THERE IS LITTLE TO BE GAINED BY PRESSING THE ISSUE NOW WHILE TUNIS IS STILL IN THE MIDST OF A GOVERNMENT CRISIS. INSTEAD, THE FRG FAVORS A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THE PROBLEM IN NATO FOLLOWED BY A CONCERTED DEMARCHE TO TUNIS. STOESEL

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